

Commercial.

THIS DAY.

Business in the Share Market has been very quiet this morning; the only transaction we have heard of being a sale of Docks at 57½ premium for the end of the month, buyers ruling the market at 57 for cash. Other stocks remain as per annexed quotation list.

Since noon Luzons have been done at 93 for the end of March. Nothing else came under our notice.

SHARES.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank—cum New Issue—182 per cent. premium, buyers.
Union Insurance Society of Canton—\$620 per share, sellers.
China Traders' Insurance Company—\$71 per share, sellers.

North China Insurance—\$1,350 per share. Canton Insurance Company, Limited—\$112 per share, sellers.

Yangtze Insurance Association—\$1,000 per share, sellers.
Chinese Insurance Company—\$200 per share, buyers.

On Tai Insurance Company, Limited—\$150 per share.
Hongkong Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, sellers.

China Fire Insurance Company—\$360 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company—57 per cent. premium, buyers.

Hongkong Canton and Macao Steamboat Co.—\$40 per share, premium.
China and Manila Steam Ship Company—110 per share.

Hongkong Gas Company—\$30 per share, sellers.
Hongkong Hotel Company—\$150 per share, sellers.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Company, Limited—40 per cent. dis.
China Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$134 per share, sellers.

China Sugar Refining Company (Debtentures)—2 per cent. premium, buyers.
Luzon Sugar Refining Company, Limited—\$90 per share, sellers.

Hongkong Ice Company—\$150 per share, sellers.
Hongkong and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$80 per share, buyers.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1878—14 per cent. prem. ex. int.
Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—par.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank, T. T. 3/8
Bank Bills, on demand 3/8
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight 3/8
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/8
Credits, at 4 months' sight 3/8 @ 3/9
Documentary Bills, at 4 months' sight 3/9

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand 4/70
Credits, at 4 months' sight 4/78
ON BOMBAY.—Bank, T. T. 220
ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, T. T. 220
On Demand 220

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, sight 72
Private, 30 days' sight 73
OPIMUM MARKET.—THIS DAY.

NEW MALWA, per picul, \$525
(Allowance, Taels 96)
OLD MALWA, per picul, \$575
(Allowance, Taels 86)

NEW PATNA, high touch (without choice) per chest, \$562
NEW PATNA, high touch (first choice) per chest, \$565
NEW PATNA, high touch (bottom) per chest, \$567

NEW PATNA, high touch (second choice) per chest, \$560
NEW PATNA, low touch (without choice) per chest, \$557
NEW PATNA, low touch (first choice) per chest, \$560

NEW PATNA, low touch (bottom) per chest, \$562
NEW PATNA, low touch (second choice) per chest, \$555
NEW BENARES, high touch (without choice) per chest, \$550

NEW BENARES (bottom) per chest, \$520
TURKEY, per picul, \$420
NEW PERSIAN (best quality) per picul, \$485
OLD PERSIAN (best quality) per picul, \$440
OLD PERSIAN (second quality) per picul, \$265 @ \$352

HONGKONG TEMPERATURE.

(From Messrs. FALCONER & Co's Register, YAT-BAV.)

Barometer—5 P.M.	Thermometer—5 P.M.	Thermometer—10 P.M.	Thermometer—1 P.M.	Thermometer—4 P.M.	Thermometer—7 P.M.	Thermometer—10 P.M.	Thermometer—1 P.M.	Thermometer—4 P.M.	Thermometer—7 P.M.
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CHINA COAST METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

THIS DAY'S TELEGRAMS.

BAROMETER.

Thermometer.

Direction of Wind.

Force.

Dry Thermometer.

Wet Thermometer.

Weather.

Hour's Rain.

Quantity of Rain.

Direction of Wind.

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Shipping.

ARRIVALS.

TAKACHINO MARU, Japanese steamer, 1,400 G. Nye, 16th December, Kobe 9th Dec. and Nagasaki 11th, General—Mitsui Bishi M. S. S. Co.

GLAUCUS, British steamer, 1,647, Jackson, 16th Dec., Swatow 15th December, Tea—Butterfield & Swire.

KOW-SHING, British steamer, 1,354, D. Webster, 16th Dec., Shanghai 13th Dec., General—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DON JUAN, Spanish steamer, 654, Jose M. Marquez, 16th Dec., Manila 13th Dec., General—Brandao & Co.

ST. DEUC, French bark, 380, T. Durand, 16th Dec., Whampoa 15th December, General—Carlowitz & Co.

HWA-YUEN, Chinese steamer, 984, O. Wilson, 17th Dec., Shanghai 13th Dec., General—C. M. S. N. Co.

ACTIV, Danish steamer, 268, N. C. Reybeck, 17th Dec., Haiphong 14th Dec., General—J. R. Marty.

ANATISIA, British steamer, 322, Hamlin, 17th Dec., Manila 15th Dec., General—Russell & Co.

COPIE, British steamer, for Bombay.

DEPARTURES.

December 15, Peking, British str., for Canton.

December 16, Poo-chi, Chinese steamer, for Swatow.

December 16, Comet, Ger. ship, for Taiwanfo.

December 16, Fung-shun, Chinese steamer, for Shanghai.

December 16, Chi-yuen, Chinese steamer, for Swatow.

December 16, Ping-on, British str., for Holhow.

December 16, Fokien, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

December 16, Shun-on, Annamite steamer, for Whampoa.

December 16, Glenartney, British steamer, for Singapore.

December 16, Menmuir, British steamer, for Singapore, &c.

December 16, Villars, French corvette, for Haiphong.

December 16, Fu-poo, Chinese gunboat, for Foochow.

December 16, Canton, British steamer, for Singapore.

December 16, Bonito, German bark, for Cebu.

December 17, Camorta, Dutch steamer, for Swatow.

December 17, Alwin, German steamer, for Saigon.

December 17, Eikonig, German bark, for Singapore.

December 16, Taichow, British steamer, for Swatow, &c.

December 17, Glaucus, British str., for Straits and London.

December 17, Ningpo, Brit. str., for Shanghai.

December 17, Coptic, British str., for Bombay.

PASSENGERS—ARRIVED.

Per Glaucus, str., from Swatow.—309 Chinese for Hongkong. For London.—Rev. and Mrs. Shaw, Mrs. Sutherland, and Miss Anderson.

Per Takachino Maru, str., from Kobe, &c.—2 Europeans and 4 Chinese.

Per Hwa-yuen, str., from Shanghai.—73 Chinese.

Per Kow-shing, str., from Shanghai.—Messrs. Machado and Hopper, and 16 Chinese.

Per Don Juan, str., from Manila.—Mr. Lorenzo Calvo, and 90 Chinese.

Per Activ, str., from Haiphong.—27 Chinese.

DEPARTED.

Per Fung-shun, str., for Shanghai.—7 Chinese.

Per Chi-yuen, str., for Swatow.—400 Chinese.

Per Camorta, str., for Swatow.—60 Chinese.

Per Taichow, str., for Swatow.—1 European and 100 Chinese.

Per Menmuir, str., for Singapore, &c.—4 Europeans and 280 Chinese.

Per Japan, str., for Singapore, &c.—2 Europeans and 25 Chinese.

Per Pong-ang, str., for Shanghai.—4 Chinese.

Per Ping-on, str., for Holhow.—1 European and 30 Chinese.

Per Alwin, str., for Saigon.—30 Chinese.

Per Fokien, str., for Swatow, &c.—100 Chinese.

Per Glenartney, str., for Singapore, &c.—1 European and 215 Chinese.

Per Ningpo, str., for Shanghai.—2 Europeans and 60 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The Japanese steamship Takachino Maru reports left Kobe on the 9th instant, and Nagasaki on the 11th. Had moderate North-east and N.E. winds and fine weather throughout.

The British steamship Anatolia reports left Manila on the 15th instant. Had moderate monsoon and fine weather throughout. On the 16th instant passed H.M. gunboat Fly, steering N.W.

The Chinese steamship Hual-yuen reports left Shanghai on the 13th instant at 9.10 a.m. and arrived in Hongkong on the 17th at 9.30 a.m. Had fine weather and moderate breeze throughout.

The British steamship Kow-shing reports left Shanghai on the 13th instant. Had moderate N.E. winds and fine weather throughout. On the 16th passed the steamships Zambeth, Pong-ang, and Chinkiang, bound North.

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Station No. 1.	White Triangle
Mr. W. H. F. Naoml.	White Triangle
Station No. 2.	Blue and White Anchor
Mr. H. Dickie's Ariel.	Blue and White Anchor
Station No. 3.	Blue and White Star
Mr. C. V. Smith's Wave.	Blue and White Star
Station No. 4.	Blue and White Star
Mr. W. H. Ray's Kathleen.	Blue and White Star

The course was twice round from the mark-boat to the westward of the flag-ship to Cow-cow, and then round a mark-boat off the Cosmopolitan Dock and back to the flag-ship. A start was effected at 2.33 p.m., the Naoml taking the lead, the Kathleen second and Wave third, the Ariel being rather slow in getting under weigh. On clearing the shipping the Naoml soon placed a gap between her and her rivals, having an advantage of five minutes on rounding the mark-boat at Cow-cow, the others being close together, but the Ariel still last. In beating back, Mr. Dickie's snail cutter commenced to show her sailing qualities and quickly drew clear away from the Kathleen and Wave, and went in hot pursuit of the Naoml. The first round was completed by Mr. Forbes's cutter at 2.41.20, the Ariel being just eight minutes behind, the other pair being now practically out of the race. In again making Cow-cow the Naoml had added another couple of minutes to her previous advantage, but in the return journey the smaller cutter rubbed off a minute. The Naoml started for the stretch to the Cosmopolitan Dock mark-boat rather more than ten minutes in front of her rival, and this gap she increased to 16 minutes 40 seconds at the finish, the Naoml having sailed the Ariel commenced the homeward journey. Deducting 7 minutes 30 seconds time allowance, the Naoml gained her winning flag by 9 minutes to seconds, a very handsome victory, as Mr. Dickie's cutter has greatly improved since last seen in public.

SECOND DAY.

SATURDAY, 15TH DECEMBER, 1883.

Fine weather again favored lovers of aquatic, and the attendance of spectators on board the flag-ship and in steam launches and other craft of various descriptions, was probably the largest that has ever been seen at a Hongkong regatta, even in the palm days of the sport, of which we hear so much. His Excellency the Governor was present in the Government steam launch, but was prevented by the lamentable accident, by his recent unfortunate accident from boarding the flag-ship. However, Lady Bowen, accompanied by the Misses Bowen and Mrs. W. H. Marsh, honored the proceedings with their presence, and there was quite a galaxy of distinguished guests. Amongst others we noticed Admiral Wiles, C.B., commanding the British squadron in Chinese waters, Admiral Meyer, commander-in-chief of the French fleet in China, Admiral von Goetz, of the Imperial German navy, the Hon. T. G. Grosvenor, C.B., late chargé d'affaires and secretary of the British Legation at Peking, Mr. W. H. Marsh, C.M.G., colonial secretary, and a great number of military and naval officers and leading Government officials, besides the *crème de la crème* of our commercial and social circles. The fair sex were strongly represented, but although the Band of the Buffs discussed a judiciously selected programme in their best style, dancing was out of the question, owing to the large assemblage. Captain Kidley and his officers were again most solicitous in providing for the comfort of the numerous company on board the *Coffin*, and merit the recognition of the public for their kindness and courtesy. It may not be out of place here to state that the *Coffin*, which leaves here for home via Bombay to return, probably never to return, is not only the finest steamer we have ever been aboard of in this harbor, but is the best kept ship we have seen for many years; and it gives us much pleasure to compliment Capt. Kidley and his officers on having so successfully shown the Hongkong community a White Star Liner in its true colors. The arrangements for tiffin were most admirably carried out under the direct superintendence of Mr. Gotha, chief steward of the *Coffin*, and the management of the Hongkong Hotel is certainly entitled to a very great deal of praise for providing us with no hesitation in saying was the most magnificent collation even seen on a similar occasion in the colony.

The racing was again of an interesting character. In the International Race, the Scotch crew, as we predicted from the first would be the case, won from start to finish without being once called upon, and the victory was an exceedingly popular one. For second place a severe struggle took place between Germany and England, the former just managing to get rid of their antagonists a few yards from the winning post. The Scotch were not only the strongest crew, but they rowed in much the best form, although Stewart, making little if any use of his body and legs. Glass and Goodale were not only the two best men in the boat, but in our opinion were the two best oarsmen of the meeting, and after them we should place Grimble and Fisher. Kultau is a powerful oar, and proved himself the mainstay of the Germans, whilst Isaac Hughes, if not exactly the *beau idéal* of form, possesses plenty strength and is game to the backbone. Lockhart is not such a good man in a boat as he ought to be, for he is a good frame, although he pulled very well indeed in the International. Travers was out of all condition, his rowing being utterly lacking the dash which used to characterize it some five or six years ago.

The race for the American Cup proved a great surprise, this handsome trophy being regarded in the light of a certainty for Hughes' crew in the *Leak*. Like many other "certainties," this one just failed to come off, Fisher spurring gamely at the finish, and to use a common metaphor, fairly scratching the race out of the fire, a result which was in no slight measure due to the judgment displayed by Mr. Fisher, who steered the winners. After their brilliant form in the Welsh Cup, the Ladies' Purse was set down as a good thing for Grimble's crew, and when, owing to Wilford's temporary collapse, Fisher had to scratch his boat, the way was made quite clear for the favorites, who easily disposed of the other pair when it came to racing. Contrary to expectation, the Members' Cup produced a most exciting race between the German crew in the *Kornblume* and a mixed crew of Fisher in the *Shamrock*. As Wilford was sick and dead before the start, it was thought the Germans would have almost a walk-over, however, Fisher kept his men hard at work, and it was only in the last furlong that Kultau drew clear, and won a fine race by about two lengths, the losers slowing down at the finish.

The race for house-boats was a miserable affair, and, as might have been expected, the 12-oared cutter, from the *Victor Emanuel*, and the 10-oared boat, from the *Leak*, made nothing of it, showing without a time allowance against Admiral Meyer's 10-oared barge, the *Freemantle*, rowing a long sweeping stroke for several minutes, led all the way and won with a great ease. There was a grand race for the cup presented by the Hongkong Club, to be rowed in 5 or 6-oared Royal Navy gigs, or whalers by officers of Her Majesty's fleet in harbor, between the representatives of the

Audacious and *Vigilant*, the former just managing to get home first by a bare quarter of a length, after one of the most exciting finishes of the meeting.

Capital sport was exhibited in the sailing races, the *Arrow* very cleverly winning the race for yachts under 10 tons from three opponents; whilst in the contest for all open boats, Chinese excluded, a whaler from the American ship *Twilight*, which had finished nowhere in the race for ship's boats on the first day, just beat H.M.S. *Champion's* cutter by a couple of seconds, after a grandly sailed finish.

At the finish of the racing, Lady Bowen presented the prizes to the successful competitors, the Ladies' Purse had previously been handed over to Mr. F. Grimble, the stroke of the winning boat, by Miss Bowen, who expressed her pleasure at having been selected to make the presentation, and complimented the crew on their well won victory. Mr. Grimble briefly replied, and called for "three cheers for the ladies," which were heartily given.

Mr. Thomas Jackson, chairman of the executive committee, remarked that His Excellency the Governor had expressed his regret at being unable, owing to lameness, to be present on board the flag-ship, but trusted he would be able to be there next year. Three cheers were then given for the Governor and Lady Bowen, then Mr. Jackson, and also in honor of Captain Kidley for his courtesy in placing his fine vessel at the disposal of the committee as a flag-ship.

The following are the particulars of the day's racing:—

1ST RACE.—1 P.M.
FOR GIGS pulled by European Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of any Regiment or Corps in Garrison, or by European members of the Police Force. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Second Race on first day, and Outrigger Boats excluded.

Station No. 1.
Royal Engineers. The Sapper. Red & Blue. 1
Station No. 2.
Royal Artillery. The Bombardier. Red Flag. 2
The Engineers led from the start and won with ridiculous ease.

2ND RACE.—1.30 P.M.
INTERNATIONAL RACE. "Challenge Cup." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. This Cup to be won two consecutive years before being finally held. Entrance, \$10.

(Scotch.)
LEAK.
Station No. 1.—White Jersey & Blue Flag with Thisile.

Bow, Mr. T. Glass, 1st. 0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. R. Goodlad, 2nd. 11lbs.
No. 3, Mr. H. Müller, 3rd. 7lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Kultau, 4th. 8lbs.
Cox, Mr. G. A. Caldwell, 5th. 11lbs.

(German.)
"KORNBLUME."
Bow, Mr. B. Buschmann, 1st. 0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. G. P. Lammer, 2nd. 6lbs.
No. 3, Mr. H. Müller, 3rd. 7lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Kultau, 4th. 8lbs.
Cox, Mr. H. Sampson, 5th. 9lbs.

(English.)
"ROSE."
Bow, Mr. H. E. Angier, 1st. 5lbs.
No. 2, Mr. E. W. Rutter, 2nd. 4lbs.
No. 3, Mr. J. I. Hughes, 3rd. 11lbs.
Stroke, Mr. T. R. Fisher, 4th. 10lbs.
Cox, Mr. F. A. Sampson, 5th. 5lbs.

The Scotch crew were made favorites at last, even money being laid on them against the field. An excellent start was quickly effected, the English on the right catching first hold of the water, and obtaining a slight advantage after rowing a few strokes. The boats kept well together for a couple of hundred yards, Fisher setting a quick stroke of 38 to the minute, Kultau 36, and Stewart 34. The Scotch were pulling in much better form than their opponents, and soon commenced to draw ahead. Long before the coal sheds were reached the race, barring accidents, was a certainty for the Scotch. A quarter of a mile from the finish the leaders were about three lengths in advance, the English and Germans being close together, and rowing a desperate race. Stewart slowed down on nearing home, and was contented to win by a length and a quarter from the Germans, who beat the English by nearly a length. Time, 6 minutes 10 seconds.

3RD RACE.—2 P.M.
FOR HOUSE BOATS and GIGS PULLED BY CHINESE. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$1. First Prize, \$15; Second, \$5. Winner of Sixth Race on first day excluded. Time for Oars—6 seconds per Oar.

Station No. 1.
P. & O. Co.'s, 5 oars. 1
Naval Yard, 4 oars. 2
The P. & O. crew, with a decided advantage in their craft, drew away from the start, but it was a severe struggle, the Chinese pulling manfully throughout, and with the six seconds allowance, the Naval Yard seemed to have a fair chance of winning on time, until, through some misunderstanding, they left off rowing in the last fifty yards and suffered an easy defeat. Time 8.40.

4TH RACE.—2.30 P.M.
"AMERICAN CUP." To be rowed in Canton Fours. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10.
"SHAMROCK."
Bow, Mr. F. C. Wilford, 1st. 10lbs.
No. 2, Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lochhart, 2nd. 11lbs.
No. 3, Mr. H. Müller, 3rd. 7lbs.
Stroke, Mr. T. R. Fisher, 4th. 10lbs.
Cox, Mr. H. E. Angier, 5th. 5lbs.

"LEAK."
Bow, Mr. E. W. Rutter, 1st. 4lbs.
No. 2, Mr. R. Goodlad, 2nd. 11lbs.
No. 3, Mr. G. Stewart, 3rd. 8lbs.
Stroke, Mr. J. I. Hughes, 4th. 11lb.
Cox, Mr. G. A. Caldwell, 5th. 11lbs.

"KORNBLUME."
Bow, Mr. B. Buschmann, 1st. 0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. W. G. Phillips, 2nd. 11lbs.
No. 3, Mr. G. P. Lammer, 3rd. 6lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Kultau, 4th. 8lbs.
Cox, Mr. H. Sampson, 5th. 9lbs.

"THISLE."
Bow, Mr. C. W. Brownlow, 1st. 5lbs.
No. 2, Mr. G. P. Lammer, 2nd. 6lbs.
No. 3, Mr. T. Glass, 3rd. 11lb.
Stroke, Mr. A. K. Travers, 4th. 6lbs.
Cox, Mr. T. Lammer, 5th. 7lbs.

This resulted in another grand race, Fisher's crew of outsiders upsetting the favorites after a close fight, and winning cleverly. Kultau finished a fair third, Travers, who ceased to persevere in the last quarter of a mile, being a long way off, last. Time 6 minutes 20 seconds.

5TH RACE.—3 P.M.
FOR MEN OF WAR'S CUTTERS. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$10. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10. No time allowed for Oars.

Post Entries.
H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel's* cutter, 12 oars. 1
H.M.S. *Darling's* cutter, 12 oars. 2

The huge French barge led from end to end and won by about a hundred yards. The *Darling's* cutter was a bad third.

6TH RACE.—3.30 P.M.
"LADIES' PURSE." For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One Mile. Entrance, \$5.
"LEAK."
Bow, Mr. T. Glass, 1st. 11lbs.
No. 2, Mr. R. Goodlad, 2nd. 11lbs.
No. 3, Mr. H. Müller, 3rd. 7lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Kultau, 4th. 8lbs.
Cox, Mr. G. A. Caldwell, 5th. 11lbs.

"ROSE."
Bow, Mr. C. Baril, 1st. 12lbs.
No. 2, Mr. G. P. Lammer, 2nd. 6lbs.
No. 3, Mr. C. W. Richards, 3rd. 11lb.
Stroke, Mr. J. I. Hughes, 4th. 11lb.
Cox, Mr. G. Grimble, 5th. 11lb.

"KORNBLUME."
Bow, Mr. B. Buschmann, 1st. 0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lochhart, 2nd. 11lbs.
No. 3, Mr. E. W. Rutter, 3rd. 4lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Kultau, 4th. 8lbs.
Cox, Mr. H. Sampson, 5th. 9lbs.

Grimble's crew were hot favorites and led from start to finish, winning comfortably by several lengths. A close and exciting contest for second place between Hughes and Kultau, ended in favor of the former by a few feet. The *Shamrock* did not take part in the race, one of the crew, Mr. Wilford, not being able to start, owing to the effects of his severe exertions in the American Cup.

7TH RACE.—4 P.M.
TO BE ROWED IN 5 OR 6-OARED ROYAL NAVAL GIGS OR WHALERS. By Officers of H.M.'s Fleet in Harbour. Cup presented by the Members of the Hongkong Club. Time for Oars—6 seconds per Oar.

Post Entries.
H.M.S. *Audacious's* 6-oared whaler, 1
H.M.S. *Victor Emanuel's* 6-oared whaler, 2
H.M.S. *Audacious's* 6-oared whaler, 3

The *Vigilant's* gig and the flag-ship's whaler sailed at other boats and won with a most leisurely race ensued during the whole journey. The gig kept slightly in front until within a short distance of home, and looked all over a winner until the stroke of the whaler spurred strongly, and getting the best of the finish, won very cleverly indeed by a quarter of a length. The other boats were beaten a considerable distance.

8TH RACE.—4.30 P.M.
"MEMBERS' CUP." Presented by Members of the Victoria Recreation Club. For Four-Oared Canton Cutters. Distance, One mile and a-half. Entrance, \$10. Winner of "The Chairman's Cup" excluded.

"KORNBLUME."
Bow, Mr. C. Denklau, 1st. 0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. G. P. Lammer, 2nd. 6lbs.
No. 3, Mr. H. Müller, 3rd. 7lbs.
Stroke, Mr. G. Kultau, 4th. 8lbs.
Cox, Mr. H. Sampson, 5th. 9lbs.

"SHAMROCK."
Bow, Mr. B. Buschmann, 1st. 0lbs.
No. 2, Mr. F. C. Wilford, 2nd. 10lbs.
No. 3, Mr. J. H. Stewart-Lochhart, 3rd. 11lbs.
Stroke, Mr. T. R. Fisher, 4th. 10lbs.
Cox, Mr. G. Grimble, 5th. 11lb.

Owing to the indisposition of No. 2 in Fisher's boat, this race was looked upon as a gift for the Germans. Fisher got slightly the best of the start, and setting his men a lively stroke obtained a lead of half a length in the first hundred yards. There was no change in the positions until passing the *Whisper*, where the Germans had drawn into first place, Wilford having hung out signals of distress long before this point was reached. Notwithstanding this, Fisher kept pegging away, ably seconded by Lochhart, who seemed as fresh as paint, and fairly held their opponents until well in the line for home. Three hundred yards from the finish Kultau quickened, and, after a brief spurt, obtained a decided advantage, which was increased as the winning post was neared, the *Kornblume* ultimately winning a good race by between two and three lengths, in 10 minutes 30 seconds. The victory of the Germans was a very popular one, the winning crew being heartily cheered on returning to the flag-ship.

SAILING RACE.
FOR ALL OPEN BOATS. Chinese excluded. Entrance, \$2. First Prize, \$20; Second, \$10.

Post Entries.
American ship *Twilight's* whaler, 1
H.M.S. *Champion's* cutter, 2
H.M.S. *Champion's* pinace, 3

There were six entries for this race, viz., H.M.S. *Champion's* pinace and cutter, steamship *De Bay's* gig, *Twilight's* whaler, *Spartan's* cutter, and Messrs. Arnold, Karberg & Co.'s dingy *Chinita*. The boats got away to a fairly good start at 1.40 p.m. The *De Bay's* gig and Arnold, Karberg & Co.'s dingy got into trouble in setting their sails, and lost considerable ground at the commencement of the race. The leading boats kept well together in the run down to the Green Island mark, the *Spartan* showing the way, and rounded the stake-boat in the following order:—*Spartan's* cutter at 2.07; H.M.S. *Champion's* pinace at 2.40; same vessel's cutter at 2.10; *Twilight's* whaler at 2.11; *De Bay's* gig at 2.12; *Chinita* at 2.20. The small craft then hauled to the wind, the men-of-war boats showing their superior sailing qualities by rapidly overhauling and passing the *Spartan's* boat, which had hitherto led the way. The *Twilight's* whaler now showed her sailing points by coming through and taking third place. The three leading boats made a capital race to the Chung Hing stake-boat, which was passed as follows:—*Champion's* cutter at 2.35; *Champion's* pinace at 2.39; *Twilight's* whaler at 2.41; *Spartan's* cutter at 2.45; *De Bay's* gig at 2.46; and *Chinita* at 2.52. It was now a dead heat to windward to reach the winning mark. The *Spartan* tried the inside course to the northward of Stonecutters' Island, but lost the wind and her chance of winning the race. H.M.S. *Champion's* boats and the *Twilight's* whaler had now a well contested beating match, the last named boat being well handled through out, and finally succeeding in winning a capital contested race. The *Twilight's* whaler arrived at 4.01 p.m.; the *Champion's* cutter at 4.03; and the same vessel's pinace at 4.12. The wind during the race was too light for the heavier boats, and although they were well handled, they had not an opportunity of showing their superior sailing qualities.

YACHT RACE.
FOR YACHTS UNDER 10 TONS. Entrance, \$5. Time for tonnage. Cup presented by the Victoria Recreation Club.

Mr. Wobler's Arrow, 1
Mr. McCallum's Eva, 2
Mr. Laing's Sunbeam, 3
Mr. Tripp's Sealark, 4
Mr. H. Dickie's Iris, 5

Course from the flag-ship to Cow-cow, then round a mark-boat off Chung Hing and back to the flag-ship; thence round a boat off the Cosmopolitan Dock and back to the flag-ship.

The yachts started at 1.20 p.m., and the race finished at one minute past 6. The *Arrow* beat the *Eva* by 8 minutes 35 seconds. To these two the contest was confined throughout.

AFFAIRS IN TONKIN.

FRENCH ADVANCE ON SONG-TAI.
(FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.)
HANOI, 11th, December 1883.

I have only time to send you a hurried line by a launch which is just leaving for Haiphong. The long expected advance on Song-tai has been made. Admiral Courbet left here this morning with all his available forces (I hope to send you numbers and other particulars shortly), and directed his course towards Song-tai, where a landing was safely effected, without much difficulty, on the right bank of the Day. Preparations for the attack were immediately commenced and are now in progress. The general assault has, I am informed, been ordered for the morning of the 13th, and will be made simultaneously by land and from the river. Great confidence is felt by the French troops, and as they are in strong force and are supported by a fleet of gun-vessels and several batteries of artillery, they ought to capture the fortress without a great deal of trouble. I am told there are no Chinese troops in Song-tai, but I merely give the statement for whatever it may be worth.

The information you published in the *Telegraph* some time ago to the effect that Monsieur Harmand had been recalled, and that Monsieur Trépo, the late French Minister to China, would be his successor, is quite correct. M. Harmand will leave Haiphong by the next Messageries Maritimes steamer on or about the 19th inst., and it is expected that M. Trépo will arrive in one of the French men-of-war before the present Commission General takes his departure. I will endeavor to send the result of the assault on Song-tai by the next steamer leaving Haiphong for your port.

CHINKIANG.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)
12th December, 1883.

Since the exodus of troops, which left this port a few days since by the China Merchants' steamers *Yungking*, *Poochi*, and *Fungshun*, there have been no soldiers to guard the forts around the vicinity of Chinkiang. Yesterday a contingent of 500 men arrived from Nanking; they were brought down in native boats in tow of the Chinese gun-vessel *Tsun Yin Chow*. They are under the command of General Chang. One Bund is now undergoing a thorough repair. New piles are being driven in the foreground, and when the river has fallen sufficiently, the stone facing or sea-wall, I hear, will be commenced. The British gun-boat *Esprit* arrived to-day, at 6.30 p.m., and came to an anchor off the settlement—*Ma-chu*.

KOBE.

Among the passengers on board the *Tokimaru*, which arrived here yesterday, the 7th inst., from Shanghai, was Mr. Zappe, His Imperial German Majesty's Consul-General for Japan. Mr. Zappe is now returning to Yokohama after successfully completing his special mission to Korea, having signed on behalf of his Government a treaty with the King of Korea on the 26th ultimo, the same day on which the British treaty was signed by Sir Harry Parkes. We understand that both contracts were made conjointly, and that their provisions contrast very favourably with the treaties formulated last year.

We notice in a recent issue of the *Japan Mail* that a cylinder for a compound engine has been sent at the Mitsui Bishi Company's works in Yokohama, and weighs about five tons. This casting, the *Mail* states, is probably the largest ever manufactured in Japan. The *Mail* will not, we trust, feel offended if we correct its impression as to the capability of the local engineering establishment. Not many weeks ago Messrs. E. C. Kirby & Co., of the Kobe Iron Works, cast a cylinder weighing slightly over thirteen tons for the engines of the corvette they are building to the order of the Japanese Government, and only the other day a second cylinder which is not very much smaller was made at the same works.

The annual installation meeting of the Lodge "Gloag and Osaka," No. 498, S.C., was held at the Grand Hotel on Thursday evening last, December 6th, when the following officers-bearers for the ensuing year were duly installed:—

Bro. W. WARBURTON, R. W. M.
Bro. C. NANTWELL, L. P. M.
Bro. E. HUNTER, L. P. M.
Bro. H. W. TAYLOR, L. P. M.
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Bro. W. K. BOARD, Tyler.

The installation ceremonies were ably performed by the outgoing R.W.M., and after the business of the evening was finished the members and their friends adjourned to the supper room. The usual toasts were duly honored after supper had been partaken of, and the company broke up after a very agreeable evening had been spent.—*Hingo News*.

NAGASAKI.

A rather severe shock of earthquake was experienced here during the small hours of yesterday morning.

Mr. Consul Trépo, wife, and family, passed through in the *Kumamoto Maru*, en route to Kobe, to take up his appointment as British Consul there.

The Japanese barque *Tsurumaru Maru*, bound from this port to Yokohama with a cargo of coal, put back on the 10th ult. owing to the 3rd officer and the crew refusing duty.

General Van Buren, U.S. Consul-General to Japan, arrived in the *Nagaya Maru* on Monday last, and is making a short stay here as the guest of General Jones, U.S. Consul.

The expenses incurred by dredging operations during the month of November are given as \$65,444, and the space cleared during that period as 1,020 turbot.

On Tuesday, H.M.S. frigate *Leopold* arrived from Hongkong, on board the German Minister Plenipotentiary, and specially General, Mr. Zappe, and staff. We hear that the new treaty between Germany and Korea was signed on the 26th ult. and we are given to understand that by it much more favourable terms have been secured than those contained in last year's treaty. The treaty negotiations having been carried on conjointly with those conducted by Sir Harry Parkes on behalf of Her Britannic Majesty's Government, the two documents were signed on the same day. The *Leopold* left Japan on the 1st inst., and called at Fusan en route. Mr. W. G. Atwood, the newly appointed British Consul at that port, who, from his extensive knowledge of Korea and the Korean language, was specially detached to assist Sir Harry Parkes at the treaty making, also came over as a passenger by the *Leopold*. H.M.S. corvette *Sappho*, left Japan on the day previous to the *Leopold*, and after conveying Sir Harry Parkes to China, arrived here on Wednesday.—*Hingo News*, December 5th.

BROTHER GARDNER ON DREAMS.

"Now, gentlemen, I had a few remarks to get off some two years ago on the subject of dreams, and I don't wish to express a few more." I am given to understand that some of our most prominent members believe in dreams as a shape their course according. I am an old man and I have had about a million dreams since I began business. Dar's sunthin in 'em, but not much.

"To dream that you is crossin' a muddy stream to steal turnips signifies dat you had better go to work an' aim some taters.

"To dream that you are trabblin' long a dusty highway an' lookin' for a lost pocket-book wid' \$50 in it signifies dat you am much mo' sartin to be towed out de house for non-payment of rent dan you am to pick up a single nickel.

"To dream that you are ridin' a white horse past a red ba'n an' dat a gray-haired man comes out and pinta a blue embrella at you signifies dat de flour ba'n am empty an' dat you had better hunt fur work.

"To dream dat you sot on de fence an' saw a funeral pureshun go past, and dat de man who drives de hearse has a glass eye, signifies dat yet owe de grocer \$375, an' have been dodgin' him fur de las' three months.

"To dream of seein' a woman walkin' ober a creek on a suspension bridge signifies dat your ole woman can't go to church for de want of shoes.

"Dar am lots of udder dreams dat means lots of udder things, but dese am fair samples de lot. If dar am anybody in dis hall int' nuff to believe dat he kin lay on his back on an ole straw bed an' groan an' grunt an' dream six weeks inter de fuchan now am de time fur him to pick up his bid an' bid us good by!

"An' one ting more, I understand dat sartint members of dis club am in de habit of seein' ghosts. I don't specify any names, but I wish to say to de whole conventus dat de werry fust of you who sees a ghost or catches sight of a spook will be cantered out de club cos de fast dat de tracks left behind you on de sta's will be somkin' hot. We will now pick up de regular program of de evenin' an' rush blimey!"—*Detroit Free Press*.

MID-WEEK ECHOES.

It is a curious fact that the big blunders of the French, as a nation, are always overlooked by the world at large, and are even admired while for a time they are the subject of conversation, and are even picked up by the French themselves. The critical condition in which the French Government finds itself in consequence of the attitude of the Radical party, the stupid and ruinous military expeditions, the deplorable condition of the finances—all this seems to be overlooked by the majority of even intelligent people abroad. But about a petty insult offered by the mob to the King of Spain every dude and parlor cad in creation has something abusive to say; as if Kings and Queens had never been hissed or mobbed before, both at home and abroad. Queen Victoria has been more than once hissed by her own subjects. Napoleon and Eugénie were a number of times insulted at home and almost driven out of Spain. The late Car was hissed in Paris. The very same Alfonso XIII., in company with the King of Portugal, was but a short time ago hissed and oranges were thrown at him at a bull fight in Madrid. Dozens of similar instances could be given; but they seem all to be ignored, and over the little incident of a mob hissing the young Alfonso for becoming a German Uhlan a world-wide fuss is made. Of course, the fact that it served Bismarck's purpose that a fuss should be made has something to do with it. But the people abroad, and especially in this country, ought to know better than to abuse the whole French nation for a trifle like that. Where France is dangerous, requires watching, and deserves rebuke from other nations is in the leniency she shows toward her demagogues, in her foolish entertainments in China, and in the reckless management of her finances. A row in the Chamber seems to be inevitable. No one can tell whether it will not lead even to the overthrow of Grévy. A war with China may break out at any moment and disturb the trade of the whole world. Meanwhile the budget for the current year already shows a deficit of over \$400,000,000, but one-eighth of which has been produced by the miserable Tonquin expedition. At the same time the trade of the country shows a steady falling off. In the last ten years the exports from France have decreased over \$500,000,000 a year, while the imports have increased nearly \$300,000,000. This increase, however, is mainly due to natural causes—bad harvest and phylloxera. The imports of cereals have increased since 1875 some \$115,000,000, and the imports of wine \$65,000,000. France imports now practically more than she exports. A nation which under such circumstances throws millions away upon public buildings to keep her socialistic workmen quiet, and spends many millions more upon risky military expeditions to keep her soldiers busy, must evidently be in an abnormal condition, and does not present a comforting sight to the world at large.—*New York Sun*.

PERSIAN LYING.

The ancient Persians brought up their sons to always speak the truth; the modern Persian educates his boy to draw the long bow. Europeans who live among them soon learn to discount any statement a native may make. An amusing illustration of Persian exaggeration is given by an English physician who has lived for several years in that country. "He says:—

"I was conversing on the subject of hunting with the King's son, and a large circle of courtiers and priests filled the room.

"The Prince narrated his exploits, in hunting the antelope the previous day, and gravely stated that while pursuing a pair of 'shu,' when riding a very nervous horse that he had, his head-stall broke.

"What should you have done, doctor?"

"I should have tied to stick on as long as the ground was good, and expecting an accident, have waited it."

"Ah! that was because you were not a Prince," he said. "I went forward, and unclasp my belt, placed it in the horse's mouth as a bridle, and thus directing him, pursued my game, and killed both antelopes."

"All the circle applauded (as of course they were bound to do). I was silent."

"You don't mean to say you don't believe that," said the Prince.

"I smiled."

"Speak out if you don't," I shan't be offended, in the least."

"Well, your Highness, I don't believe it."

"Quite right," daugh' bood (believe it), and unblushingly replied his Royal Highness, and pointed out a lot of laughter which unabashed, the circle of courtiers of course, were convulsed.

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REAL TURTLE SOUP, SALMON CUTLETS, KIPPERED SALMON, HERRINGS & SARDINES, SARDINES AU CITRON, HERRINGS IN WHITE WINE, MACKEREL IN WHITE WINE, FRENCH TRUFFLES, ASSORTED ENGLISH PATTIES, PATE DE FOIE GRAS, TRUFFLED CHICKENS IN JELLY, FRENCH TINNED LARKS, ASSORTED FRENCH PATES, ASPARAGUS, PETITS POIS, CHAMPIGNONS, CHICKEN & SULTANA RAISINS, PEEL MINCEMEAT, CHRISTMAS HAMS, CHRISTMAS CAKES, PLUM PUDDINGS, RIPE STILTONS, PORT DU SALUT CHEESE, GRUYERE CHEESE, GORGONZOLA CHEESE, DOUBLE GLOSTER CHEESE, FRENCH PLUMS, FRUITS IN NOYEAU AND BRANDY, CRYSTALLIZED FRUITS, ELVA'S PLUMS, MUSCATIL RAISINS, BARCELONA & BRAZIL NUTS, BEST FRENCH CONFECTIONERY, BONBONS & DRAJES, BONBONNIERS FOR XMAS TREES, FRENCH CHOCOLATES, NEWEST COSAQUES & CRACKERS, FRENCH & ENGLISH TOYS, MECHANICAL TOYS, ELECTRIC TOYS, FRENCH & ENGLISH DOLLS, OUT-DOOR GAMES, XMAS & NEW YEAR CARDS, JEWEL CASES, FANCY PIPES & CIGAR TUBES, FITTED TRAVELLING BAGS, WORK BAGS & BASKETS, PERFUME CASES, NEW EMBOSSED STATUARY, AFTERNOON TEA SERVICES, TETE-A-TETE SETS, CHINA FIGURES & VASES, DUPLEX LAMPS IN NEWEST DESIGNS, CHILDREN'S ANNUALS, PRESENTATION BOOKS, CABINET & SCRAP ALBUMS, MENU & GUEST CARDS, OSLETS ARTISTIC CHINA & GLASS, FLOWER BRACKETS & BASKETS, PRETTY TEA & COFFEE SETS, FLOWER STANDS, TABLE DECORATIONS, LATEST DESIGNS & SHADES, A HANDSOME DRAWING ROOM FOUNTAIN, NEW ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, COFFEE & TEA SERVICES, SALAD BOWLS & HELPERS, EPERGNES, FLOWER & FRUIT STANDS, NEW CENTRE PIECES, DESSERT SETS, WAGTCH'S ROYAL CHARTER CHAMPAGNE, DEUTZ & GELDERMANN'S GOLD LACK CHAMPAGNE, KRUG'S PRIVATE CUVÉE CHAMPAGNE, LEMOINE'S VIN BRUT CHAMPAGNE, SPARKLING MOSELLE, DRY SHERRIES, CHOICE BORDEAUX WINES, AFTER DINNER PORT, BURGUNDIES, HOCKS, LIQUEUR BRANDIES & WHISKIES, LIQUEURS, &c., &c., &c.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1883. [902]

XMAS! XMAS! XMAS!!!

KOCH & Co., Nos. 15 & 17, POTTINGER STREET, THE LATEST NOVELTY OUT.

AUTOMATIC WATER FOUNTAINS. COME AND SEE, AND SATISFY YOURSELVES.

THE latest invention of the age, suitable for Parlour, Drawing Room or Conservatory. No Smell! No Smoke! No Danger!!! These WATER FOUNTAINS are the result of a long series of scientific experiments only just arrived at the market.

The motor power consists of a miniature engine, propelled by hot air generated by a spirit lamp. The force of the engine is sufficient to raise a jet of water several feet in the air, being regulated, as far as ten feet, by the raising or lowering of the flame of the lamp. It takes but a few minutes to set the machine in motion. No special attention required, save to trim the lamp once in 24 hours. The Fountains are of tasteful design and are arranged for the reception of aquatic plants, or as a fountain to suit the pleasure of the possessor, and are made as strong and durable as iron, glass, and wood can make them. Will last a lifetime and cannot get out of order. Call and Satisfy Yourself.

KOCH & Co., Nos. 15 & 17, Pottinger Street, Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [923]

FOR SALE.

GOOD BORDEAUX CLARET, in Cases of 1 doz. Quarts at.....\$3.50.

WOLFE SCHIEDAM SCHNAPPS, in Cases of 12 Bottles at.....\$6.00.

Also, Some PRIME HOLLAND Jenever in Stone Bottles, and some POMERANZEN BITTERS.

Double Barreled Breech Loading GUNS, RIFLES, REVOLVERS, CARTRIDGES and SHOT, &c., &c., &c.

Very Fresh ITALIAN CONDENSED MILK in Cases of 4 Dozms. at \$4.50 per Case.

J. F. SCHEFFER, 21 and 23, Pottinger Street, Hongkong, 16th November, 1883. [862]

Intimations.

UNDER the heading "Exhibits to the Cork Exhibition, Ireland," "THE CORK CONSTITUTION, No. 13,025, dated Saturday, July 14th 1883, says:—

MESSRS. TURNBULL JUNR. & SOMERVILLE, "Valletta, Malta, exhibit in a tastefully arranged case, samples of their famous 'Kaiser-I-Hind' Cigarettes, and inasmuch as a revolution in the habit of smoking is now setting in, this exhibit should prove attractive to all lovers of the 'fragrant weed.' Instead of strong Tobacco, often used in too strong pipes and full flavoured Cigars, the mild Cigarette is rapidly coming into vogue. Those now on view in the Exhibition are highly spoken of by the Press, vendors, and smokers."

SOLE AGENCY.

"NOVELTY STORE," MARINE HOUSE, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, 26th September, 1883. [731]

XMAS!! XMAS!! XMAS!!!

ROSE & CO. ARE SHOWING TOYS AND LATEST NOVELTIES IN FANCY GOODS.

FROM PARIS, EX LAST FRENCH MAIL.

31 & 33, QUEEN'S ROAD. [716]

Hongkong, 8th December, 1883.

KELLY & WALSH.

ARE NOW SHEWING THEIR NEW SEASON'S GOODS SUITABLE FOR

CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

TARANTULA Spirit Sets in Oak and Walnut, Nickel Mounted and Cut Glass Bottles.

Tarantula Perfume Sets, in Nickel and Gold, and Mexican Onyx and Gilt.

Plush and Walnut Glove and Handkerchief Boxes.

Very Handsome Wortley Writing Cabinets, completely fitted.

Vienna Work Boxes and Card Receivers, Satin lined and embroidered.

Powerful Mahogany Graphoscopes.

Combination Aneroids and Time Pieces.

Fitted 'Ladies' and Gentlemen's Dressing Cases.

New Designs in Photo and Scrap Albums.

Plush Wall Brackets and Wall Pockets.

Photo Frames in Plush, Velvet, Ormolu, Onyx, &c.

Cigar and Cigarette Cases, beautifully embroidered.

Ladies' Hand Bags in Plush and Leather.

Novelties in Fans.

Book Slides in Walnut and Oak—Nickel Mounted.

CHILDREN'S BOOKS.

ALL THE NEW BOOKS OF THE SEASON, INCLUDING,

Boy's Own Annual, Little Folks, Girl's Own Annual, Chatterbox, Every Boy's Annual, Children's Friend, Every Girl's Annual, Infant's Magazine, Little Wide awake, Union Jack.

BEAUTIFULLY ILLUSTRATED JUVENILE BOOKS.

Little Ann, Illustrated by Kate Greenaway.

From do Nothing Hall to Happy Day Home, Illustrated by Miles.

A Small Selection of Magnificently bound Books for Presentation.

Beautifully Bound Church Services, Prayer Books, Hymn Books, &c.

KELLY & WALSH—HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [650]

W. BREWER.

IS NOW SHEWING.

A VERY Elegant Assortment of FANCY GOODS consisting of the NEW VIENNA WICKER WORK GOODS beautifully trimmed and fitted, comprising,

Large Useful WORKBASKETS in entirely new shapes, lined and fitted.

WALL POCKETS & HANDBASKETS trimmed with Chinelle Gold Lace & Velvet.

A New Stock of LADIES HAND BAGS in Plush, Satin, Russia and Morocco Leathers.

The NEW BRASS WARE in a number of useful Articles, Inkstands, Card Trays, Watch Stands, Smokers Sets, Photograph Frames, &c., &c.

PLUSH GOODS—New Designs in Writing Cases, Ladies Companions, fitted, Blotting Books, Photograph Cases, Large Promenade Photo Frames, &c.

WOOD GOODS—Oak Writing Desks, Walnut Writing Desks, Workboxes and Inkstands.

LEATHER GOODS—Cigar and Cigarette Cases, Pocket Books, Letter and Card Cases, Purse, Photo Albums, Writing Cases, Ball Programmes, Indicators, Dressing Cases, &c.

CHRISTMAS CARDS!

A VERY FINE LOT JUST RECEIVED.

LET'S DIARIES!

RUDDY OLD BLOCK!

NEW MECHANICAL TOYS!

W. BREWER, QUEEN'S ROAD. [784]

Hongkong, 5th December, 1883.

SAYLE & CO.

FURNISHING DEPARTMENT.

WE have just received and are now showing the following NEW GOODS.

NEW DESIGNS in BRUSSELS CARPETS with BORDERS & RUGS to Match.

A large and choice assortment of AXMINSTER and SKIN HEARTH RUGS.

ELDER DOWN QUILTS and PILLOWS.

TRAVELLING RUGS in Great variety.

A large stock of BRASS and IRON BEDSTEADS.

Ebony and Walnut COAL VASES.

Single and Double PERAMBULATORS.

The New "PATENT AIR LAMPS."

AUSTRIAN BENTWOOD FURNITURE.

FLOORCLOTHS for Halls, Rooms, and Passages.

COCO MATTINGS, all widths.

COIR MATS.

SAYLE & CO.

VICTORIA EXCHANGE, HONGKONG.

Hongkong, 5th December, 1883. [750]

Amusements.

THEATRE ROYAL, CITY HALL, HONGKONG.

DAVIS & D'ANGELO, LESSEES.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, THE 10TH DECEMBER.

THE LOFTUS TROUPE WILL PRESENT THE CELEBRATED ADELPHI SUCCESS "FRITZ"

OUR COUSIN GERMAN, As performed with great success by The Loftus Troupe in the Principal Cities of India, Africa, and Australia.

CAST.

Fritz (a German Emigrant).....Mr. JEFF D'ANGELO.

Colonel Crahan.....Mr. C. J. BARBER.

Lawyer Gains.....Mr. BARTLEY O'BRIEN.

Joalie (a Bowery Boy).....Mr. F. W. OAKLAND.

Snow (a Negro Servant).....Mr. J. W. ALLEN.

Squashie (a Negro).....Mr. J. W. ALLEN.

Boot-black.....Mr. F. W. OAKLAND.

Clerk of the Court.....Mr. F. W. OAKLAND.

Schneider (Fritz's Son).....Miss DOLLY LOFTUS.

Louise (afterwards).....Miss FLORENCE CON-LENA.

Liffie.....Miss MINNIE NORDT.

Mary (a Quadroon).....Miss MYRA SYDDONS.

Miss Crahan.....Miss VICTORIA LOFTUS.

Katrina.....LOFTUS.

TABLEAU 1.

SCENE 1.—Fritz's arrival by Ship at Castle Garden, N. Y.—The Stealing of Katrina.

TABLEAU 2.

The Rescue—Fritz out—The Colonel at Home.—"Do you think a Dutchman is a Fool?"

TABLEAU 3.

FRITZ AT HOME SONG—"HOW TO MAKE SOUR KROUT!" I know you was fooling.

TABLEAU 4.

Dot Toy Harmonic.

THE ENTERTAINMENT IN THE GARDEN. The Vision of Lena—The Recognition—Fritz finds a long-lost Sister—The Arrest.

TABLEAU 5.

THE GREAT TRIAL SCENE. The Fox Caught in his own Trap—Fritz triumphant—Dot last Gout.

TABLEAU 6.

Fritz's Home—Clouds and Sunshine—The Friendly Visit—Fritz and his Boy Schneider, with Song and Dance, "SCHNEIDER, How You Vas?"—Thieves around Katrina—Terrible situation of Child—The Child's Fate—The Rescue—Fritz comes in time.

FINALE "SCHNEIDER HOW YOU VAS."

Box Plan at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH'S, where seats may be secured.

J. CHAS. DAVIS, Manager, BARTLEY O'BRIEN, Agent.

Hongkong, 17th December, 1883. [935]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION

OF OLD CHINESE PORCELAINS, BRONZES, JADES, &c., &c.

THE Undersigned will offer for Sale by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY, the 21st December, 1883, the Sale commencing at 10.30 A.M., pausing at NOON, and resuming at 2 P.M.,

A VERY FINE and EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF OLD CHINA WARE, CURIOS, &c.

The same having just arrived in this Colony from the North of China, being a very careful and valuable collection made in Peking and the Northern Provinces of China, and comprising—

OLD MING LACQUER, OLD PORCELAINS from the MING DYNASTY, the reigns of the Emperors KANG-HI, YUNG-CHUEN, and KIEN-LUNG in FIVE COLOURED and BLUE and WHITE VASES, BARS, DISHES, PLATES, BOWLS, PURE BLACK KANG-HI and BLACK and GOLD KIEN-LUNG VASES, SANG DE BEUF and FRAMBOISE PORCELAINS.

OLD BRONZES, BAMBOO CARVINGS, and a quantity of very fine JADE, OLD PEKIN ENAMELS (CLOISONNE) CURIOS, &c.

And some good specimens of PORCELAINS of more modern manufacture.

Catalogues will be issued previous to the Sale, and the above will be on view on THURSDAY, the 20th instant.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

G. R. LAMBERT, Auctioneer.

Hongkong, 8th December, 1883. [915]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself in this Colony as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, and am prepared to receive orders for the purchase and sale of all kinds of securities.

A. JOSEPH, Hongkong, 12th December, 1883. [924]

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day established myself in this Colony as a SHARE and GENERAL BROKER, and am prepared to receive orders for the purchase and sale of all kinds of securities.

HECTOR SAMPTON, Hongkong, 11th December, 1883. [922]

NOTICE.

I HAVE this day commenced Business at the Port of Kowloon as MERCHANT and COMMISSION AGENT.

R. E. BRUCE, Kowloon, 20th November, 1883. [909]

Shipping.

STEAMERS.

THE CHINA AND MANILA STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Company's Steamship "DIAMANTE," Captain Cullen, will be despatched for the above Ports, TO-DAY, the 17th instant, at FIVE P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to RUSSELL & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, 14th December, 1883. [929]

FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.

THE Spanish Steamer "DON JUAN," Captain J. Marguer, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 18th instant, at DAYLIGHT.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BRANDÃO & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, 15th December, 1883. [933]

UNION LINE.